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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
EXPEDITED RESPONSE

Our Case No.: 10703/042 (PA-5375-RFB)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Darin G. Schaeffer, et al.

Serial No.: 10/769,962

Filing Date: February 2, 2004

For: TRACHEOSTOMY TUBE AND
LOADING DILATOR

Examiner: Ali, Shumaya B.

Group Art Unit No.: 3743

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the final Office Action mailed January 10, 2007.

No amendments to the claims are presented in this paper. The listing of claims
begins on page 2.

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